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Applicant: Frank M. Keesee

Title: NON-CURLING REINFORCED
COMPOSITE MEMBRANES WITH
DIFFERING OPPOSED FACES,
METHODS FOR PRODUCING
AND THEIR USE IN VARIED
APPLICATIONS

Appl. No.: 09/765,695

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.
- Small Entity statement is enclosed.
- The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims: 12	- 21	= 0	x \$18.00 =	\$0.00
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Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated November 21, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 3-6 and 9, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

3. (Once Amended) A fiber-reinforced flexible composite membrane according to claim 1, wherein the perfluoropolymer comprises PTFE.

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